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November 6, 1996

Edgar M. Miller Morgan Funding 795 Hammond Drive, Suite 801 Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Re:

Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, Edgar M. Miller, Unnamed Project Sections 15 & 16, S/019/037, and Unnamed Project Sections 32 & 33, S/019/038, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Miller:

On October 28, 1996, the Division received four separate small mine notices from you. Two notices involve projects on State land and the other two notices involve BLM land. According to the Division's policy for related or neighboring sites, we would consider the two projects proposed in sections 15 and 16 as one small mine operation. The two projects proposed in sections 32 and 33 would also be considered as one small mine operation by the Division. The difference in land ownership for these adjacent sections would not make them separate operations under the Division's rules because the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act applies to State, Federal and Fee lands within the state. This combination of the neighboring project sites means that the total surface disturbance for the two adjacent projects cannot exceed five acres, i.e. surface disturbance for section 15 and 16 projects combined cannot exceed five acres and disturbance for section 32 and 33 projects combined cannot exceed five acres.

The combination of notices for the unnamed projects located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 15 and the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 16, T19S, R25E, Grand County, Utah, **does satisfy** the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, <u>et seq.</u>, Utah Code Annotated. No additional information is required by the Division at this time. The Division file number for this project area is **S/019/037**. Section 15 is managed by the BLM and section 16 is managed by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

The combination of notices for the unnamed projects located in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 32 and the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 33, T19S, R25E, Grand County, Utah, **does satisfy** the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, <u>et seq.</u>, Utah Code Annotated. No additional information is required by the Division at this time. The Division file number for this project area is **S/019/038**. Section 33 is managed by the BLM



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and appears to be included in some type of federal withdrawal. Section 32 is managed by SITLA.

You will need approval from each of these land managing agencies for activities on their respective lands before beginning operations. The Division will provide both agencies with copies of our correspondence for these two combined sites. Please be advised that exploration or mining activity on State Trust Lands requires a minimum of 60 days notice to SITLA prior to commencing any activities. Please contact the SITLA at phone number (801) 538-5100.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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John Blake, SITLA (ML-47371) Brad Palmer, BLM Moab District

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